

HOUSE BILL NO. 462

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT MANDATING AN ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR THE AT-RISK STUDENT PAYMENT; AND AMENDING SECTION 20-9-328, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 20-9-328, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-9-328. At-risk student payment. (1) The state shall provide an at-risk student payment to public school districts, as defined in 20-6-101 and 20-6-701, for at-risk students, as defined in 20-1-101 and referred to in 20-9-309.

(2) (a) The at-risk student payment must be distributed to public school districts by the office of public instruction in the same manner that the office of public instruction allocates the funds received under 20 U.S.C. 6332, et seq. The office of public instruction shall prorate payments to districts based upon the available appropriation.

(b) The district shall file an annual report with the office of public instruction, on a form prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction and by a date specified by the superintendent, that specifies how funds from the at-risk student payment have supported activities and programs for at-risk students.

(3) On or before September 15, 2010, the office of public instruction shall report to the governor and the legislature on the change in status of standardized test scores, graduation rates, and drop-out rates of at-risk students using fiscal year 2006 data as a baseline."

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